

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 13-15, with the following amended paragraph:

With regard to the preferred metal ions and further details regarding the same, particular references is made to: ~~EP-A-0 790 253~~ US 5,648,508, particularly to p. 10, l. 8-30 col. 11, lines 10ff, section "The Metal Ions" which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 23-26, with the following amended paragraph:

Further details regarding the at least bidentate organic compounds and the monodentate substances, from which the ligands of the framework material as used in the present application are derived, may be deduced from ~~EP-A-0 790 253~~ US 5,648,508, whose respective content is incorporated into the present application by reference.

Please replace the original Abstract with the following replacement Abstract, which is attached on a clean sheet at the end of this paper.